GOVERNMENT OF ANDHRA PRADESH
ABSTRACT

Public Services - MA&UD Department - Allegations of irregularities in execution of road work from Antharakudda to China Badam in Palasa-Kasibugga Municipality of Srikakulam District - Departmental action initiated by framing articles of charges against Sri G. Kanaka Raju, the then Municipal Assistant Engineer and three (3) others of Palasa – Kasibugga Municipality, Srikakulam District – Inquiry conducted - Imposing a penalty of "withholding of Two (2) Annual Grade Increments with cumulative effect " against Sri G. Kanaka Raju, the then Municipal Assistant Engineer, and Sri D. Phaniram, the then Municipal Commissioner of Palasa-Kasibugga Municipality, Srikakulam District – Orders – Issued.

MUNICIPAL ADMINISTRATION & URBAN DEVELOPMENT (VIG.1) DEPARTMENT

G.O.Rt.No.600 **Dated.06.08.2024.**

Read the following:

1) From the Director General, G.A. (V&E) Department, Vigilance Report No.93 (779/V&E/2013), dated.17.08.2013.
2) G.O.Rt.No.856, MA&UD (Vig.III) Department, dated.05.11.2014.
3) G.O.Rt.No.857 & 860, MA&UD (Vig.III) Department, dated.05.11.2014.
4) G.O.Rt.No.41, MA&UD (Vig.I) Department, dated.11.01.2018.
5) G.O.Rt.No.42, MA&UD (Vig.I) Department, dated.11.01.2018.
6) From Sri B.H.Srinivasa Rao, the then Superintending Engineer & Inquiry Officer, P.H. Engineering Circle, Visakhapatnam, Enquiry report Dated.20.10.2018.
7) Govt.Memo.No.23499/Vig.I/2013, dated.15.02.2019.
8) Written Representation of Sri G. Kanaka Raju, the then Municipal Assistant Engineer, and Sri D. Phaniram, the then Municipal Commissioner of Palasa-Kasibugga Municipality, Srikakulam District dt:25.01.2021.

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ORDER:

Whereas, in the reference 1st read above it has been brought to the notice of the Government by the Director General, G.A. (V&E) Department that the Vigilance & Enforcement Department conducted an enquiry on the allegations of irregularities in execution of road from Antharakudda to China Badam in Palasa- Kasibugga Municipality of Srikakulam District. The Director General, G.A.(V&E) Dept., had recommended to initiate departmental action against Sri G.Kanaka Raju, the then Municipal Asst. Engineer and three (3) others of Palasa-Kasibugga Municipality, Srikakulam District.

2. In the reference 3rd read above, among others, articles of charges were framed against Sri G. Kanaka Raju, the then Municipal Assistant Engineer, and Sri D. Phaniram, the then Municipal Commissioner of Palasa-Kasibugga Municipality, Srikakulam District under Rule-20 of A.P.C.S. (CC&A) Rules, 1991, duly directing them to submit their written statement of defenses thereon.

3. Having not convinced with the WSDs of the said two COs, the Government after following due procedure, appointed Sri B.H.Srinivasa Rao, the then Superintending Engineer, GVMC., Visakhapatnam, as an Inquiry Officer to inquire into the charges framed against the C.Os, vide reference 4th read above. In the reference 5th read above, Sri P.Venkat Rao, the then Executive Engineer, Public Health Division, Srikakulam was appointed as Presenting Officer to present the case before the Inquiry authority on behalf of the disciplinary authority.

4. In the reference 6th read above, the Inquiry officer Sri B.H.Srinivasa Rao, the then Superintending Engineer, GVMC., Visakhapatnam submitted Inquiry report and

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concluded that all the charges framed against Sri G. Kanaka Raju, the then Municipal Assistant Engineer, and Sri D. Phaniram, the then Municipal Commissioner of Palasa-Kasibugga Municipality, Srikakulam District were held 'proved' in the Inquiry.

5. Government examined the Inquiry report in detail and communicated a copy of Inquiry report to Sri G. Kanaka Raju, the then Municipal Assistant Engineer, and Sri D. Phaniram, the then Municipal Commissioner of Palasa- Kasibugga Municipality, Srikakulam District under Rule 21 (2) of APCS (CC&A) Rules 1991 and directed to submit their written representation, if any, on the findings of the Inquiry report, vide reference 7th read above.

6. In the reference 8th read above, Sri G. Kanaka Raju, the then Municipal Assistant Engineer, and Sri D. Phaniram, the then Municipal Commissioner of Palasa-Kasibugga Municipality, Srikakulam District have submitted their written representation duly denying the findings of the Inquiry report and requested to drop further action against him.

7. Government have examined the written representations of the charged officers and keeping in view of the findings of Inquiry Officer and after following the due procedure, decided to impose a major penalty of "withholding of Two (2) Annual Grade Increments with cumulative effect" against Sri G. Kanaka Raju, the then Municipal Assistant Engineer, and Sri D. Phaniram, the then Municipal Commissioner of Palasa-Kasibugga Municipality, Srikakulam District, since the Charges held proved in the Inquiry and there are no new points to consider their representations.

8. Accordingly, Government hereby order to impose a major penalty of "withholding of Two(2) Annual Grade Increments with cumulative effect" against Sri G. Kanaka Raju, the then Municipal Assistant Engineer, and Sri D. Phaniram, the then Municipal Commissioner of Palasa-Kasibugga Municipality, Srikakulam District, in terms of Rule 9 of APCS (CC&A) Rules, 1991.

9. The Director of Municipal Administration, A.P., Guntur and Engineer -In - Chief (Public Health)., Guntur shall take further necessary action in the matter, accordingly.

10. The receipt of the G.O., shall be acknowledged.

(BY ORDER AND IN THE NAME OF THE GOVERNOR OF ANDHRA PRADESH)

ANIL KUMAR SINGHAL
SPECIAL CHIEF SECRETARY TO GOVERNMENT

To
Sri G. Kanaka Raju, the then Municipal Assistant Engineer of Palasa-Kasibugga Municipality, Srikakulam District - **through** the ENC(PH)., Guntur.
Sri D. Phaniram, the then Municipal Commissioner of Palasa-Kasibugga Municipality, Srikakulam District - **through** the DMA., A.P., Guntur
The Director of Municipal Administration, A.P., Guntur.
The Engineer -In -Chief (Public Health)., Guntur.

Copy to:
The Director General, G.A. (V&E) Department, A.P., Vijayawada.
The Secretary to A.P. Vigilance Commission, A.P. Secretariat, Velagapudi.
The Municipal Commissioner, Palasa-Kasibugga Municipality, Srikakulam District.
The Principal Accountant General (A&E), A.P., Vijayawada.
The Pay and Accounts Officer, Ibrahimpatnam, A.P., Krishna District
SF/SC (E.No.339498).

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SECTION OFFICER.